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| 4) Claim(s) 1-96 is/are pending in the application | | |
| 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdraw | vn from consideration. | |
| 5) Claim(s) is/are allowed. | | |
| 6)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-96</u> is/are rejected. | | |
| 7) Claim(s) is/are objected to. | | |
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| 9)⊠ The specification is objected to by the Examiner | | . a . . |
| 10)⊠ The drawing(s) filed on <u>08 January 2002</u> is/are: | | • |
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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

- 1. The drawings filed on 08 January 2002 are acceptable subject to correction of the informalities indicated on the attached "Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review," PTO-948. In order to avoid abandonment of this application, correction is required in reply to the Office action. The correction will not be held in abeyance.
- 2. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims.

Claim 1 recites a limitation "automatic gain control (AGC) to normalize the power of the tone or voice signal" on page 63, lines 8-9. The <u>normalizing AGC</u> has not been shown. Claim 3 recites a limitation "Goertzel filters compute the energy levels of tone or voice signals at 16 specific frequencies" on page 63, lines 1-2. The <u>16 specific frequencies</u> with respect to the Goertzel filters must be shown. A similar thing holds for claim 4. Further, claim 27 recites a limitation "utilizing an elliptical Infinite Impulse Response (IIR) Filter" on page 67, lines 10-11. The elliptical Infinite Impulse Response (IIR) Filter has not been shown. Therefore, the normalizing AGC, the 16 specific frequencies, the four signal processing units,... etc. must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:
 - (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
- 4. Claims 1, 3-5, 14, 16-18, 59, 61-63, 72, 74-75, 84, 86-88 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bartkowiak et al [US 5,809,133] in view of Quiros [US 5,604,771].

Regarding claims 1, 14, 59, 72, 84, Bartkowiak et al teaches a method and a Device for detecting multi-frequency tones in a telephone system; wherein tone detector 102 comprising codec 104, and DSP 106. The DSP 106 and codec 104 are comprised on a **single semiconductor silicon chip** [col. 6, lines 32-41]. The detector 102 further includes a **memory** 108, **computer readable media**, comprising a RAM (random access memory) and a ROM (read-only memory), coupled to the DSP which is used by the DSP 106 for storage and retrieval of data. The program (i.e. executable instructions) is stored in the ROM before loading into RAM [col. 6, line 53 to col. 7, line 10]. The DSP 106 receives the digital samples and applies the Goertzel filters to determine the energy of a tone or voice signals at specific frequencies [Figs. 1-12; col. Col. 6, lines 32-52]. The received signals may include DTMF of MTMF tone signals, one or more speech signals and/or noise [col. 3, lines 26-36]. Fig. 2 provides a flowchart

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diagram to detect tone signals [col. 7, line 11 to col. 8, line 12]. Further, Bartkowiak et al teaches **multiplying** the respective A(n) value of A(1) – A(16) with a **respective gain**. These multipliers correspond to the **gain adjustment** in step 126 of Fig. 2 [col. 9, lines 10-15]. The DSP 106 performs the gain adjustment as shown in Fig. 3.

Bartkowiak et al does not teach expressly perform automatic gain control(AGC) to normalize the power of tone or voice signal.

Quiros teaches using a dula tone detector block 601 using a Goertzel's algorithm [col. 19, lines 37-63]. Further, Quiro applies the AGC to normalize the signal as shown in Fig. 7 [col. 20, lines 10-31; col. 24, lines 21-62]

Bartkowiak et al and Quirosl are analogous art because they are from a similar problem solving area, viz., tone detection in telecommunications using a Goertzel's algorithm.

At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply the normalizing gain factor N of Quiros to the Bartkowiak's Goertzel filter as a multiplier shown in Fig. 3.

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The suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been to reduce disproportionate variations in the amplitudes of tone signals due to various arithmetic operations performed in computation [Quiros; col. 20, lines 10-23].

Regarding claims 3, 16, 61, 74, 86, Bartkowiak et al teaches applying Goertzel filters, GDFT (1)...GDFT(16), to compute the energy levels of tone or voice signals at 16 specific frequencies as shown in Fig. 3.

Regarding claims 4, 17, 62, 87, Bartkowiak et al teaches applying four signal processing units to execute Goertzel filters as shown in Fig. 7.

Regarding claims 5, 18, 63, 75, 88, Bartkowiak et al teaches applying Goertzel filters to determine maximum values of the energy levels for each of two or more frequency groups [col. 4, lines 10-21; col. 7, lines 33-50].

5. Claims 6, 19, 64, 76, 89 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Bartkowiak et al and Quiros as applied to claims 1, 5, 14, 18, 59, 63, 72, 84, 88 above, and further in view of Johanson [US 6,381,330 B1].

Regarding claims 6, 19, 64, 76, 89, the combination of Bartkowiak et al and

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Quiros does not teach expressly discriminating whether the tone is a single tone, a dual tone, silence, or another type of tone.

Johanson teaches a tone detection method for detecting whether the tone is a single tone, a dual tone, silence (or a lack of a signal response), or another type of tone in a signal Fig. 4; col. 1, lines 44-62; col. 7, line 45 to col. 8, line 24].

Bartkowiak et al, Quiros and Johanson are analogous art because they are from a similar problem solving area, viz., tone detection in telephonic communications.

At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine the tone detection technique of Johanson with the Bartkowiak et al and Quiros system.

The suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been to detect alerting CPE tones or other tones relating to the reception of call without the need for annoying muting intervals [Johanson; col. 2, lines 62-67].

6. Claims 2, 6-7, 15, 19-20, 60, 64-65, 73, 76-77, 85, 89-90, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Bartkowiak et al and Quiros as applied to claims 1, 5, 14, 18, 59, 63, 72, 84, 88 above, and further in view of Hardy et al [US 5,448,624].

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Regarding claims 2, 6, 15, 19, 60, 64, 73, 76, 85, 89, the combination of Bartkowiak et al and Quiros does not teach expressly determining whether the tone is one of a dial tone, a busy tone, a fast busy tone, a ringing tone, or a fax tone.

Hardy et al teaches call progress tone detector 54 to determine whether the tone is one of a dial tone, a busy tone, a fast busy tone, a ringing tone, or a fax tone [col. 6, lines 29-48; col. 10, lines 6-11; col. 10, lines 23-36; col. 11, line 55 to col. 12, line 11; col. 22, lines 14-26; col. 28, lines 52-63; col. 35, lines 64-66; col. 36, lines 46-48]. Hardy et al also discloses a silence detection type representing a lack of a signal response [col. 21, lines 29-53], a DTMF tones or any other type of tones received from phone lines [col. 6, lines 21-29].

Bartkowiak et al, Quiros and Hardy et al are analogous art because they are from a similar problem solving area, viz., tone detection in telephonic communications.

At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine the tone detection capability for various tones of Hardy et al with the Bartkowiak et al and Quiros system.

The suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been to provide call progress evaluation of a telephone network [Hardy et al; col. 1, lines 10-17; col. 2, lines 33-37].

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Regarding claims 7, 20, 65, 77, 90, Hardy et al teaches a computer controlled system interfaced with the telephone network that allows a user to define various tone signal profiles in a DETECT.DAT signature block, and thereby identifying virtually **any type of telephone exchange response signals**. This signature block works as a user defined dictionary of tones to determine a tone by identifying the tone in the dictionary [col. 16, lines 42-63; col. 18, lines 19-39; col. 28, lines 52-63].

7. Claims 8-13, 21-26, 66-71, 78-83, 91-96 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Bartkowiak et al, Quiros and Hardy et al as applied to claims 7, 20, 64, 76, 90 above, and further in view of Basehore [US 4,570,360].

Regarding claims 8-11, 21-24, 66-69, 78-81, 91-94, the combination of Bartkowiak et al, Quiros and Hardy et al does not teach expressly updating a state to "tone state" (i.e. tone on) using a state counter and ON/OFF cadence values.

Basehore teaches identifying three general states, including (a) an update state, (b) a cadence state, and (c) a tone generation state [col. 7, lines 17-30]. Further, Basehore applies a state counter 53 to identify a third state, a "tone state" [col. 8, lines 28-48] and uses an on/off cadence for transmission of tones with a counter 70 [Figs. 3A-3D; col. 2, line 49 to col. 3, lines 3; col. 5, line 58 to col. 6, line 8; col. 9, lines 30-44].

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Bartkowiak et al, Quiros, Hardy et al and Basehore are analogous art because they are from a similar problem solving area, viz., tone detection in telephonic communications.

At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine the tone generation and transmission system for digital tone words of Basehore with the Bartkowiak et al, Quiros system, and Hardy et al.

The suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been to provide a capability to iteratively generate digital tone words of a multiplicity of frequencies in a number of different cadences and to transmit them in defined sequential time slots for use by a telephone switching system [col. 1, lines 20-25].

Regarding claims 12-13, 25-26, 70-71, 82-83, 95-96, Hardy et al teaches using a silence detection type and the DETECT.DOT signature blocks with seven cadences [col. 21, lines 29-55; col. 22, lines 34-42; col. 28, lines 16-51; col. 33, lines 10-33].

8. Claims 27, 29-35 and 43, 45-51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bartkowiak et al [US 5,809,133] in view of Quiros [US 5,604,771], and further, in view of Tulai [US 5,563,942], and further, in view of Scott et al [US 6,212,374 B1].

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Regarding claims 27 and 43, Bartkowiak et al teaches a method and a device for detecting multi-frequency tones in a telephone system; wherein tone detector 102 comprising codec 104, and DSP 106. The DSP 106 and codec 104 are comprised on a single semiconductor silicon chip [col. 6, lines 32-41]. The detector 102 further includes a memory 108, computer readable media, comprising a RAM (random access memory) and a ROM (read-only memory), coupled to the DSP which is used by the DSP 106 for storage and retrieval of data. The program (i.e. executable instructions) is stored in the ROM before loading into RAM [col. 6, line 53 to col. 7, line 10]. The DSP 106 receives the digital samples and applies the Goertzel filters to determine the energy of a tone or voice signals at specific frequencies [Figs. 1-12; col. Col. 6, lines 32-52]. The received signals may include DTMF of MTMF tone signals, one or more speech signals and/or noise [col. 3, lines 26-36]. Fig. 2 provides a flowchart diagram to detect tone signals [col. 7, line 11 to col. 8, line 12]. Further, Bartkowiak et al teaches multiplying the respective A(n) value of A(1) - A(16) with a respective gain. These multipliers correspond to the gain adjustment in step 126 of Fig. 2 [col. 9, lines 10-15]. The DSP 106 performs the gain adjustment as shown in Fig. 3.

Bartkowiak et al does not teach expressly perform automatic gain control(AGC) to normalize the power of tone or voice signal; utilizing an elliptical IIR filter; and detecting whether the tone is a modem tone or echo disabling tone.

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Quiros teaches using a dula tone detector block 601 using a Goertzel's algorithm [col. 19, lines 37-63]. Further, Quiro applies the AGC to normalize the signal as shown in Fig. 7 [col. 20, lines 10-31; col. 24, lines 21-62].

Tulai teaches digital call progress tone detection utilizing an elliptical IIR filter [col. 5, lines 1-5].

Scott et al teaches disabling of echo cancellers when initiating a telephone call via modem 100 [col. 5, lines 54-64].

Bartkowiak et al, Quiros, Tulai and Scott et al are analogous art because they are from a similar problem solving area, viz., tone detection in telecommunications.

At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply the normalizing gain factor N of Quiros to the Bartkowiak's Goertzel filter as a multiplier shown in Fig. 3; the elliptical IIR filter of Tulai as a low pass filter; and the echo canceler disabling signal of Scott et al after call startup.

The suggestion/motivation for applying the normalizing gain factor N would have been to reduce disproportionate variations in the amplitudes of tone signals due to various arithmetic operations performed in computation [Quiros; col. 20, lines 10-23]; utilizing the elliptical IIR filter for distinguishing call progress tones from other signals

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such as speech [Tulai; col. 1, lines 9-11]; and applying the echo canceller disabling signal to prevent adverse disruption of digital data communications over cellular networks [Scott et al; col. 1, lines 17-20].

Regarding claims 29 and 45, Bartkowiak et al teaches using the four signal processing units shown in Fig. 7 that can also execute the elliptical IIR filter simultaneously.

Regarding claims 30-35 and 46-51, Scott et al teaches an echo canceller disabling system to deactivate the voice echo cancellers, wherein the echo canceller disabling system is configured to transmit a tone at approximately 2100Hz with 180 degree phase reversals to disable one or more echo cancellers brought on-line after the call startup using modem 100 [Abstract; Figs. 3-4; col. 5, lines 54-64; col. 6, lines 22-62].

9. Claims 28 and 44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Bartkowiak et al, Quiros, Tulai and Scott et al as applied to claims 27 and 43 above, and further in view of Hardy et al [US 5,448,624].

Regarding claims 28 and 44, the combination of Bartkowiak et al, Quiros, Tulai and Scott et al does not teach expressly determining whether the tone is one of a dial tone, a busy tone, a fast busy tone, a ringing tone, or a fax tone.

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Hardy et al teaches call progress tone detector 54 to determine whether the tone is one of a dial tone, a busy tone, a fast busy tone, a ringing tone, or a fax tone [col. 6, lines 29-48; col. 10, lines 6-11; col. 10, lines 23-36; col. 11, line 55 to col. 12, line 11; col. 22, lines 14-26; col. 28, lines 52-63; col. 35, lines 64-66; col. 36, lines 46-48]. , Hardy et al also discloses a silence detection type representing a lack of a signal response [col. 21, lines 29-53], a DTMF tones or any other type of tones received from phone lines [col. 6, lines 21-29].

Bartkowiak et al, Quiros, Tulai and Scott et al and Hardy et al are analogous art because they are from a similar problem solving area, viz., tone detection in telephonic communications.

At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine the tone detection capability for various tones of Hardy et al with the Bartkowiak et al, Quiros, Tulai and Scott et al system.

The suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been to provide call progress evaluation of a telephone network [Hardy et al; col. 1, lines 10-17; col. 2, lines 33-37].

10. Claims 36-41 and 52-57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Bartkowiak et al, Quiros, Tulai and Scott et al as

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applied to claims 27, 32, 43, and 48 above, and further in view of Gilbert [US 6,172,985 B1].

Regarding claims 36-41 and 52-57, the combination of Bartkowiak et al, Quiros, Tulai and Scott et al teaches a low pass filter selectes from a bank of 10 IIR elliptical filters [Tulai; col. 5, lines 1-5]. However, the combination of Bartkowiak et al, Quiros, Tulai and Scott et al does not teach expressly distinguishing Fax V.21 tone from other tones.

Gilbert reaches performing fax sessions using a digital signal processor in conjunction with a data access arrangement (DAA) equipped with an AT & T Fax High-Speed data pump chip set. The data pump chip set conforms to the telecommunications in CCITT recommendations V.32bis, V.32, V.22bis, V.22, V.23, V.21 [col. 5, line 59 to col. 6, line 11]. Further, Gilbert discloses using POTS DAA circuit 30 and DSP 42 in its POTS mode that performs functionality such as modulation and demodulation [col. 5, lines 41-58; col. 5, lines 5-40].

Bartkowiak et al, Quiros, Tulai and Scott et al and Gilbert are analogous art because they are from a similar problem solving area, viz., tone detection in telephonic communications.

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At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine the tone detection capability for various tones including fax V.21tone of Gilbert with the Bartkowiak et al, Quiros, Tulai and Scott et al system.

The suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been to provide remote communications including fax service in conjunction with the use of computers [Gilbert; col. 1, lines 11-17; col. 2, lines 4-11].

11. Claims 42 and 58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Bartkowiak et al, Quiros, Tulai, Scott et al and Gilbert as applied to claims 27, 41, 43, and 57 above, and further in view of Lee et al [US 6,023,470].

Regarding claims 42 and 48, the combination of Bartkowiak et al, Quiros, Tulai, Scott et al and Gilbert does not teach expressly using a fax message three consecutive times to confirm a Fax V.21 tone.

Lee et al teaches conducting a fax session using a Fax Signal Register (FSR) that maintains a counter to reflect the number of times a control message a control message has been sequentially transmitted. This information is used by the FSR to enforce the "tree strikes you're out" T.30 retransmission limit on the T30E [col. 54, lines

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19-29; col. 57, lines 34-39; col. 45, line 27 to col. 46, line 51; col. 6, lines 12-33; col. 9, lines 1-10].

Bartkowiak et al, Quiros, Tulai and Scott et al, Gilbert and Lee et al are analogous art because they are from a similar problem solving area, viz., tone detection in telephonic communications.

At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine the Fax Signal Register (FSR) with a **counter** of Lee et al with the Bartkowiak et al, Quiros, Tulai, Scott et al and Gilbert system.

The suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been to enforce the "three strikes you're out" T.30 **retransmission limit requirement** on the T30E [Lee et al; col. 54, lines 19-29].

Conclusion

12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dr. Ramnandan Singh whose telephone number is (703)308-6270. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F(8:00-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Forester Isen can be reached on (703)-305-4386. The fax phone numbers

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for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703)872-9314 for regular communications and (703)872-9314 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703)306-0377.

Dr. Ramnandan Singh Examiner

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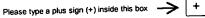
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